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Incidents of Importance Among the Various Societies,

GROWTH OF VARIOUS ORDERS

Weekly Review of Notable Happenings in Societies Where the Grip and the Password Predominate and Where Brotherly Love Reigns Supreme.

Have something doing that will make every single member in the lodge desire to attend each meeting, says the Ne braska Workman. Keep it moving Be active. Don't let the thing lag Let everybody help and so arrange the work that as many as possible may be depended upon for some certain feature of the work. In the lodge room is stimulated the interest which must be the backbone of the order.

Grand Master Workman Koerner of Ohlo reports that good progress is now being made in his jurisdiction.

I. J. Harrison has served as record er of Harvey lodge of Pennsylvania continuously since 1879.

Help the deputy. A deputy is a use less expense if he does not receive the assistance and co-operation of the mem

The Nebraska jurisdiction is steadily forging ahead. The members expecto have 40,000 members by the time their grand lodge meets.

P. S. M. W. Tate has been stirring up the members in Pennsylvania. En thusiastic meetings were held at Pitts burg, Philadelphia, Johnstown, Harrisburg. Scranton and other points, and good results are already apparent.



It will please many Red Men who contributed to the building of the Temple of Fraternity at St. Louis last great sun to learn the magnificent structure is to be put to noble use, says the Red Men's Official Journal. It is to be moved to New Deming, N. M., and dedleated to the nursing and restoration to health of consumptives who are mem bers of the fraternities that contribut ed to its erection. The societies that desire to participate are expected to subscribe 1 cent a mouth for each member of their organizations, which sum is believed will be ample for th liberal support of the institution.

Plute tribe of San Francisco captured a class of fifty palefaces re cently.

Leuni Lenape tribe of Philadelphia adopted twenty-five palefaces last moon, bringing their total membership up to 1.021.

The membership in the Indiana reser vation on the 31st of hunting moon was 40,145, a gain of over 1,400 in the great sun.

The tribes in Montgomery, Ala., are

raising funds for a union wigwam in that city.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Pythian Notes and Gossip From Various Grand Domains.

It is my desire that in all our efforts to increase the membership of the order we may not lose sight of the quality of the new material. We should not man after three years of membership sacrifice quality to quantity.-Supreme Chancellor Shively.

In St. Louis recently Pacific lodge conferred the rank of knight on forty eaquires, Chevaller lodge initiated twenty-four candidates, and Pythagoras lodge advanced thirty-four esquires to the rank of knight.

Wakefield lodge of Waycross, Ga., recently initiated a class of 100 candi-

The endowment rank now has about 70,000 members, carrying protection to the extent of \$110,500,000.

There are now 25,500 Pythians in Missouri and 250 lodges. During the year 1964 there was a net gain in membership in the jurisdiction of 2,081.



On Feb. 1, according to the report of Head Banker Bort, there was a balance in the benefit fund of \$967,212.40 and in the general fund \$450,600.40, making a grand total in both funds of \$1,417,812.80,

County class initiations are being held in Missouri. Many classes of 100 or more candidates have been initiated. A class of 247 candidates was initiated recently in Lincoln, Neb. Governor Mickey and Head Consul Talbot were

present.

The special dispensation governing the reinstatement of members in suspension for more than sixty days and less than six months has been extended to the first day of June.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Notes and Gossip From Various Ju-

Recent reports to the grand secretary show a membership in Ontario of 3.779. The jurisdiction has fifty-three coun-

The order is making good progress in the District of Columbia, where there are now nine councils and over 3,000

During the past year death claims amounting to \$809,650 were paid by the Royal Arcanum.

Pennsylvania council of Philadelphia recently passed the 1,000 mark in mem

On March 1 the order in Missour had 11,785 members, a net gain in nembership since Jan. 1, 1904, of 1,662,

The annual convention of the order will be held this year in July in Buffs

The members of lodge No. 761 of Ms nila, P. I., will attend the annual convention this year and expect to capture the long distance prize,



card index system of membership of that jurisdiction. When a brother is suspended for N. P. D. the card bearing his name is placed in a case known as the dormant list.

There are 200 active encampments and over 16,000 Patriarchs in good standing in the Indiana jurisdiction.

A member of a lodg, who does not contribute his share of work and interest in its welfare fails in his duty and does not live up to his obligations.

Among the recent acquisitions in the Militant army is a new canton at Asheville, N. C., of almost 100 chev

The Pennsylvania jurisdiction has four Odd Fellows' homes that care for the children of deceased members These homes recently had 276 inmates

Colonel Rufus N. Elwell, speaker of the house of representatives of New Hampshire, left his duties at the state capital long enough to go home and be installed as N. G. of his lodge at Exeter, N. H.

A member who can do so should pay his dues a year in advance. It is the brother in arrears who always has trouble about any sick benefits that may be due him.

At the present time there are thirty two I. O. O. F. homes in the United States, one in Denmark, one in Australia, while several states are raising funds and preparing to build in the near future.



Over 7,000 applications for life benefit membership were received in February. This is 1,000 more than was received during the same month last

After a careful examination recently the Michigan insurance department reported the order to be in splendid financial condition.

Reading tent of Reading, Pa., recently initiated a class of 200 candidates and now has over 900 members. A class of 155 candidates was re cently initiated in Baltimore.

The total liabilities of the order on Jan. 31 were \$241.287.57, leaving a surplus of \$3,976,474.28.

UNITED WORKMEN.

The Level Rate Plan of the Order. Notes and Gossip.

The extended insurance feature of the level rate plan of the order is one of the most valuable options ever presented. With this option in force no can become suspended by reason of his misfortunes or carelessness. His reserve protects him until he can recover from his temporary troubles and restore himself to full membership. No young man should overlook this privilege.-Badger Workman.

It is just as important to keep old members as it is to procure new ones. N. Potsdamer is recorder and his son, J. H. Potsdamer, is master workman of Oriental lodge of Philadelphia. The Wolverine Workman says the order is in better condition in Michigan than ever before and the members can look forward to the future with more confidence than at any time in the past.

California has accumulated over \$66,000 in the reserve fund during the past year, which is now bearing 4 per cent interest.

TOYAL ARCANUM.

A Home Por Aged Members In Pennsylvania-Council Jottings.

The associated councils of the Royal Arcanum in Allegheny, Pa., bave started a movement for the establishment of a home for members and their wives between the ages of sixty and eighty years, to be known as the Fraternity home. It is intended to be nonsectarian and self supporting and is to be located within a radius of fifty miles of Pittsburg.

East Orange council of New Jersey has a card system by which it has a record of every man within a radius of three miles who is eligible for member-

A grand council has been instituted in New Hampshire, that jurisdiction having passed the 1,000 mark in mem-

There are at present 2,137 Royal Arcanum councils in good standing. The order now has thirty grand coun-

Mrs. Jones Wister, Central Figure in Weightman Will.

PROMINENT FRENCH WOMAN

Weightman Was a Chemical Manufacturer and Amassed a Fortune Estimated at \$60,000,000 and the Will Is Being Contested in the Courts.

Mrs. Jones Wister of Philadelphia is central figure in the contest over the fortune left by the late William Weightman, chemical and multimillionaire. His will bequeathed all his estate, valued at about \$60,000,000, to his only daughter, Anne M. Weightman Walker, widow of the iate Congressman Robert J. C. Walker. Mr. Weightman bad two sons, both now dead, and Mrs. Wister was the wife of one of these, William Weight-



man, Jr. After the latter's death she married Jones Wister, a member of the most exclusive social set in Philadelphia. Her maiden name was Sabina d'Invilliers, and she is descended from a French family of noble rank prominent in the time of Louis XVI., the chief representative of which left his native tion and, coming to America, settled in Philadelphia,

Mrs. Wister is proud of her blue blood and has always moved in social circus which the rest of the Weight-mans, with all their wealth, were unable to enter. After her marriage to Mr. Wister her social prominence be-came all the more marked. This was one cause of allenation between Mrs. Wister and ber sister-in-law, Mrs. Walker, who was unable to make a social hit. Another cause was due to a peculiar incident in the history of the family. The elder Weightman was always very fond of Mrs. William Weightman, Jr., and after his son's death he made a proposal of mar-riage to her. She held him in esteem; but, as he was then eighty years of ago, she deemed his offer of marriage absurd and rejected it. The old gentleman felt plqued, and, though she afterward sought and secured his consent to her marriage to Mr. Wister, he never again was on close terms with her, and it is alleged that Mrs. Walker encouraged her father to give

Mrs. Wister the cold shoulder. However, it is asserted that on the latter's second marriage the elder Weightman not only set aside \$100,-000 in trust for each of William Weightman, Jr.'s, five daughters, but promised that in his will each would receive a million. The will he subsequently executed made no such provision for them, and their mother decided to contest it on the ground of undue influence, representing in the suit her daughter Martha, who is still a minor. Some of her other daughters do not favor the contest.

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not only were Filipinos as well as Spaniards invited to the receptious az 25 paince, our nauve women asked to receive with Mrs. Taft. is a woman of much tact and carries herself in society in such a way as to win many friends for both her husband and herself. She was Miss Helen Herron, daughter of John Herron, who was once a United States district attorney in Cincinnati. She was married to Judge Taft in 1888. They have several children, and the family strete is a chagming one. It is said of Mrs. Tuft that "she makes to best of her friends' frivolities, whi choosing for her closer associates m and women with minds above bridge and souls superior to lavender hus

There are four times as many words in the English language as in the French, but young writers always feel that it is necessary to work in a French phrase here and there in order to make their meaning clear. Chicago Re

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